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Dear Mr. Rosenbaum:

Please find attached the results of surface and ground water monitoring required by Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 5-00-028 for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Plumas National Forest at the Walker Mine Tailings in Plumas County. This report is for ground water samples collected May 23, 2003, and surface water samples collected June 10, 2003. All samples were transported to Henrici Water Laboratory, near Quincy for analysis. The Henrici laboratory sent a portion of these samples to Twining Laboratories, Inc. in Fresno, California for metals analyses.

The 2001 Amended Record of Decision for the Walker Mine Tailings site provides for the diversion of Dolly Creek around the tailings material. A contract has been awarded to Ecology and Environment, Inc. of San Francisco for the design of this diversion channel and their design work is nearing completion. The water quality monitoring required by order #5-00-028 is continuing with the September event and the second installment of in-stream bio-assessment sampling scheduled to be performed over the next few weeks. Negotiations with the Atlantic Richfield Company (ARCO), a Potentially Responsible Party, over remediation costs are still pending.

Please call Joe Hoffman of this office at (530) 283-7868 if you have questions.

I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in the attached documents and that, based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the information is true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment.

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Forest Supervisor

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MONITORING REPORT

WDR Order Number: 5-00-028

Discharger: USDA Forest Service, Plumas National Forest

Facility: Walker Mine Tailings, Plumas County

Reporting Frequency: Quarterly

Monitoring Period: May 2003

Findings:

(1) Surface water. Due to access difficulties caused by late snows and high stream flows, samples were not collected until June 10, 2003. The surface water sample collected at the compliance station, R-5, Little Grizzly Creek near Brown's Cabin, remains in noncompliance with the Order's limitation for copper, as highlighted in Table 1. The remaining R-5 concentrations are in compliance with the Order. Copper concentrations at R-1 also exceeded limitations, while the release of copper from the tailings area to Dolly Creek, as measured at R-2, is well in excess of the limitations. Concentrations of zinc were detected in the samples taken at 2 of the 5 sites but neither of these concentrations exceeded the order's limitation for zinc. The concentration of iron, highest at R-5, was well within the limitation at all of the stations.

(2) Groundwater. Samples were collected on May 23, 2002. Table 2 summarizes the findings for groundwater samples collected from the site. Small concentrations of dissolved copper ($\leq 2.0 \text{ ug/l}$) were found in all three of the sampling wells (W-3, W-5, and W-7). Additionally, small concentrations of dissolved zinc were found in all three wells. There were no detectable amounts of iron found in any of the three groundwater samples.

Groundwater elevations were measured in all seven wells installed at the site. Even though measurements were taken two weeks later than last year, water levels were higher at all wells, 2.7 feet higher in the case of W-4. The results show a definite gradient towards Little Grizzly Creek of approximately 1.1% along the Dolly Creek channel and approximately 1.8% to the settling pond (R-6). With the elevation of the Little Grizzly Creek channel approximately 20 feet below the surface of the tailings area, there is a strong gradient towards Little Grizzly Creek all along its course with the tailings area.

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MAY 2003

**SURFACE WATER TEST RESULTS
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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

Table 1. SURFACE WATER SUMMARY REPORT

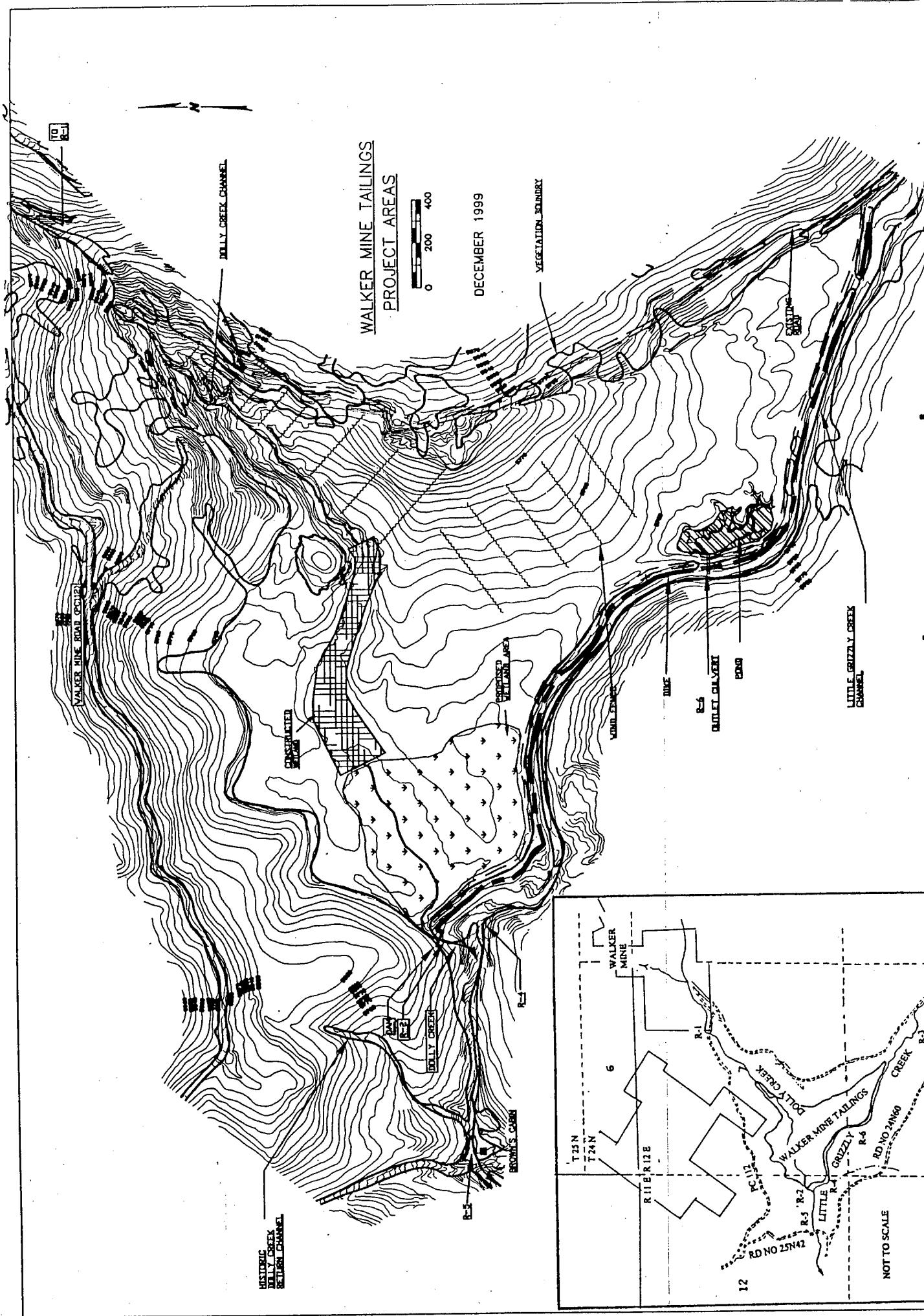
MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM NO. 5-00-028
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOREST SERVICE, PLUMAS NATIONAL FOREST
WALKER MINE TAILINGS, PLUMAS COUNTY
June 2003

CONSTITUENT	UNITS	DETECTION LIMITS		MONITORING STATIONS			R-6	LIMITATION @ R-5 ³
		R-1	R-2	R-3 ¹	R-4	R-5 ²		
Flow	cfs	N/A	3.41	3.78	14.98	20.03	22.05	0
pH		N/A	7.96	7.92	7.80	7.75	8.01	N/A
Specific Conductance	umhos/cm	N/A	65.0	69.3	43.7	42.7	51.9	N/A
Air Temperature	°C	N/A	20.0	14.0	17.0	17.0	20.0	N/A
Water Temperature	°C	N/A	11.6	10.7	10.3	8.0	12.8	N/A
Laboratory								
Turbidity	NTU	0.05	0.83	0.66	0.49	0.63	0.53	N/A
Total Hardness as CaCO ₃	mg/l	2.0	41	43	25	26	29	N/A
Total Alkalinity	mg/l	1	57	61	45	49	47	N/A
Sulfate	mg/l	0.5	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	N/A
Dissolved Copper	ug/l	1.0	24	97	1.7	1.3	34	N/A
Dissolved Iron	ug/l	50	ND	91	51	ND	110	3.1
Dissolved Zinc	ug/l	2.0	3.0	5.9	ND	ND	ND	1000
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¹ R-3 is the background station located above the tailings area on Little Grizzly Creek.

² R-5 is the waste discharge compliance station located near Brown's Cabin, downstream from the confluence of Dolly Creek with Little Grizzly Creek.

³ The compliance values for copper and zinc are calculated with the R-5 hardness value of 29 mg/l as CaCO₃.



WALKER MINE TAILINGS MONITORING PROGRAM

9-27-67
(May 1970)

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

WATER RESOURCES DIVISION

DISCHARGE MEASUREMENT NOTES

Checked by _____

Sta. No. R-3

Little Grizzly Creek above Tailings

Date 6/10/70 Party Fyback

Width 2003 Vel. C. H. Ditch. _____

Method 6/10 No. sec. C. H. change in hr. Sup. _____

Method coef. Hor. angle coef. Sup. coef. Meter No. _____

Type of meter MM.C

GAGE READINGS				Date rated	for rod, other
Time	Recorder	Inside	Outside	Meter	ft. above bottom of weight.
				7.5	1.5
				7.5	1.5
				8.0	1.6
				8.5	1.6
				9.0	1.3
				9.5	1.4
				10.0	1.9
Weighted M. C. II.	C. H. correction			10.5	1.7
Correct M. C. H.				11.0	0.9
				11.5	1.5
				12.0	0.4

Measurement rated excellent (2%)(Good (5%)) fair (8%), poor (over 8%), based on following conditions: Cross section

Flow _____

Other _____

Gage _____

Observer _____

Control _____

Record removed _____

Intake flushed _____

Weather WARM/CLEAR

Air 17.0 °C @ 1048

Water 10.3 °C @ 1050

pH 7.80

CONDUCTANCE 43.7 umhos/cm

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WALKER MINE TAILINGS MONITORING PROGRAM

8-2765-TN
(May 1971)

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
WATER RESOURCES DIVISION

DISCHARGE MEASUREMENT NOTES

Sediment Basin Outfall

R-6

Sta. No. 2003

Date 6/10/03 Party Flynn

Width Area Vel. G. H. Ditch

Method No. sec. Hor. angle coef. G. H. change in hr. Susp.

Method coef. Sup. coef. Meter No. Type of meter

CAGE READINGS Recorder Inside Outside Date rated

Meter ft. above bottom of weight.

Spin before meas. % diff. from rating after

Meas. plus % diff. from rating

Wading, cable, ice, boat, upstr., side bridge feet, mile, above, below

gage, and

Check-bar, found at

changed to at

Correct

Levels obtained

1.00

Washed M. C. H.

G. H. correction

Correct M. C. H.

Measurement rated excellent (2%), good (5%), fair (8%), poor (over 8%), based on following

conditions: Cross section

Flow 10.0 cfs

Weather

Air 60°F

Water 60°F

Intake flushed

Record removed

Observer

Control

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CONDUCTANCE umhos/cm

C. H. at zero flow

Other

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ANALYSIS REPORT

Laboratory Number: C34900 Date Received: 06/10/03
 Location: Walker Mine R1

Date of Collection : 06/10/03 Time: Collector: Pat Flynn

Hardness, Dissolved Copper, Dissolved Iron and Dissolved Zinc analysis by
 Twining Laboratory, Bakersfield, Ca.

Analysis	Date of Analysis	Method	Detection Limits	Results	Units
Total Hardness	07/31/03	SM 2340 B	2.0	41	mg/L
Total Alkalinity	06/11/03	SM 2320 B	1	57	mg/L
Sulfate	06/11/03	EPA 375.4	0.5	<0.5	mg/L
Turbidity	06/11/03	SM 2130B	0.05	0.83	NTU
Dissolved Iron	08/04/03	EPA 200.7	50	<50	ug/L
Dissolved Copper	08/04/03	EPA 200.7	1.0	24	ug/L
Dissolved Zinc	08/04/03	EPA 200.7	2.0	3.0	ug/L

These results were obtained by following
 standard laboratory procedures: the liability
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ANALYSIS REPORT

Laboratory Number: C34901 Date Received: 06/10/03
Location: Walker Mine R2

Date of Collection : 06/10/03 Time: Collector: Pat Flynn

Hardness, Dissolved Copper, Dissolved Iron and Dissolved Zinc analysis by
Twining Laboratory, Bakersfield, Ca.

Analysis	Date of Analysis	Method	Detection Limits	Results	Units
Total Hardness	07/31/03	SM 2340 B	2.0	43	mg/L
Total Alkalinity	06/11/03	SM 2320 B	1	61	mg/L
Sulfate	06/11/03	EPA 375.4	0.5	<0.5	mg/L
Turbidity	06/11/03	SM 2130B	0.05	0.66	NTU
Dissolved Iron	08/04/03	EPA 200.7	50	81	ug/L
Dissolved Copper	08/04/03	EPA 200.7	1.0	97	ug/L
Dissolved Zinc	08/04/03	EPA 200.7	2.0	5.9	ug/L

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ANALYSIS REPORT

Laboratory Number: C34902 Date Received: 08/10/03
 Location: Walker Mine R3

Date of Collection : 06/10/03 Time: Collector: Pat Flynn

Hardness, Dissolved Copper, Dissolved Iron and Dissolved Zinc analysis by
 Twining Laboratory, Bakersfield, Ca.

Analysis	Date of Analysis	Method	Detection Limits	Results	Units
Total Hardness	07/31/03	SM 2340 B	2.0	25	mg/L
Total Alkalinity	08/11/03	SM 2320 B	1	45	mg/L
Sulfate	08/11/03	EPA 375.4	0.5	<0.5	mg/L
Turbidity	08/11/03	SM 2130B	0.05	0.49	NTU
Dissolved Iron	08/04/03	EPA 200.7	50	51	ug/L
Dissolved Copper	08/04/03	EPA 200.7	1.0	1.7	ug/L
Dissolved Zinc	08/04/03	EPA 200.7	2.0	<2.0	ug/L

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ANALYSIS REPORT

Laboratory Number: C34903 Date Received: 06/10/03
 Location: Walker Mine R4
 Date of Collection : 06/10/03 Time: Collector: Pat Flynn

Hardness, Dissolved Copper, Dissolved Iron and Dissolved Zinc analysis by
 Twining Laboratory, Bakersfield, Ca.

Analysis	Date of Analysis	Method	Detection Limits	Results	Units
Total Hardness	07/31/03	SM 2340 B	2.0	26	mg/L
Total Alkalinity	06/11/03	SM 2320 B	1	49	mg/L
Sulfate	06/11/03	EPA 375.4	0.5	<0.5	mg/L
Turbidity	06/11/03	SM 2130B	0.05	0.63	NTU
Dissolved Iron	08/04/03	EPA 200.7	50	<50	ug/L
Dissolved Copper	08/04/03	EPA 200.7	1.0	1.3	ug/L
Dissolved Zinc	08/04/03	EPA 200.7	2.0	<2.0	ug/L

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ANALYSIS REPORT

Laboratory Number: C34904 Date Received: 08/10/03
 Location: Walker Mine R5

Date of Collection : 06/10/03 Time: Collector: Pat Flynn

Hardness, Dissolved Copper, Dissolved Iron and Dissolved Zinc analysis by Twining Laboratory, Bakersfield, Ca.

Analysis	Date of Analysis	Method	Detection Limits	Results	Units
Total Hardness	07/31/03	SM 2340 B	2.0	29	mg/L
Total Alkalinity	06/11/03	SM 2320 B	1	47	mg/L
Sulfate	06/11/03	EPA 375.4	0.5	<0.5	mg/L
Turbidity	06/11/03	SM 2130B	0.05	0.53	NTU
Dissolved Iron	08/04/03	EPA 200.7	50	110	ug/L
Dissolved Copper	08/04/03	EPA 200.7	1.0	34	ug/L
Dissolved Zinc	08/04/03	EPA 200.7	2.0	<2.0	ug/L

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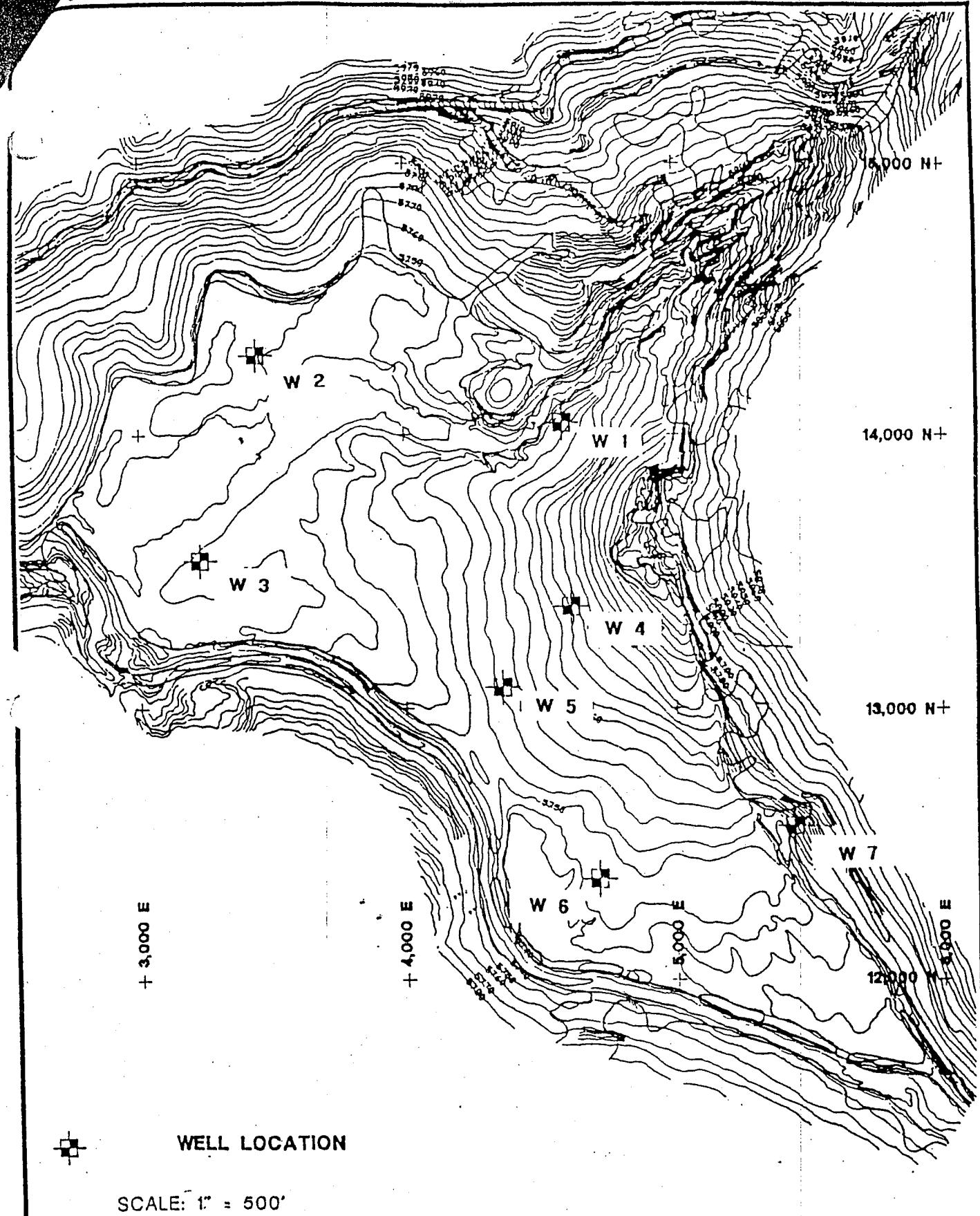
**GROUND WATER TEST RESULTS
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Table 2. GROUND WATER SUMMARY

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WALKER MINE TAILINGS, PLUMAS COUNTY
May 2003

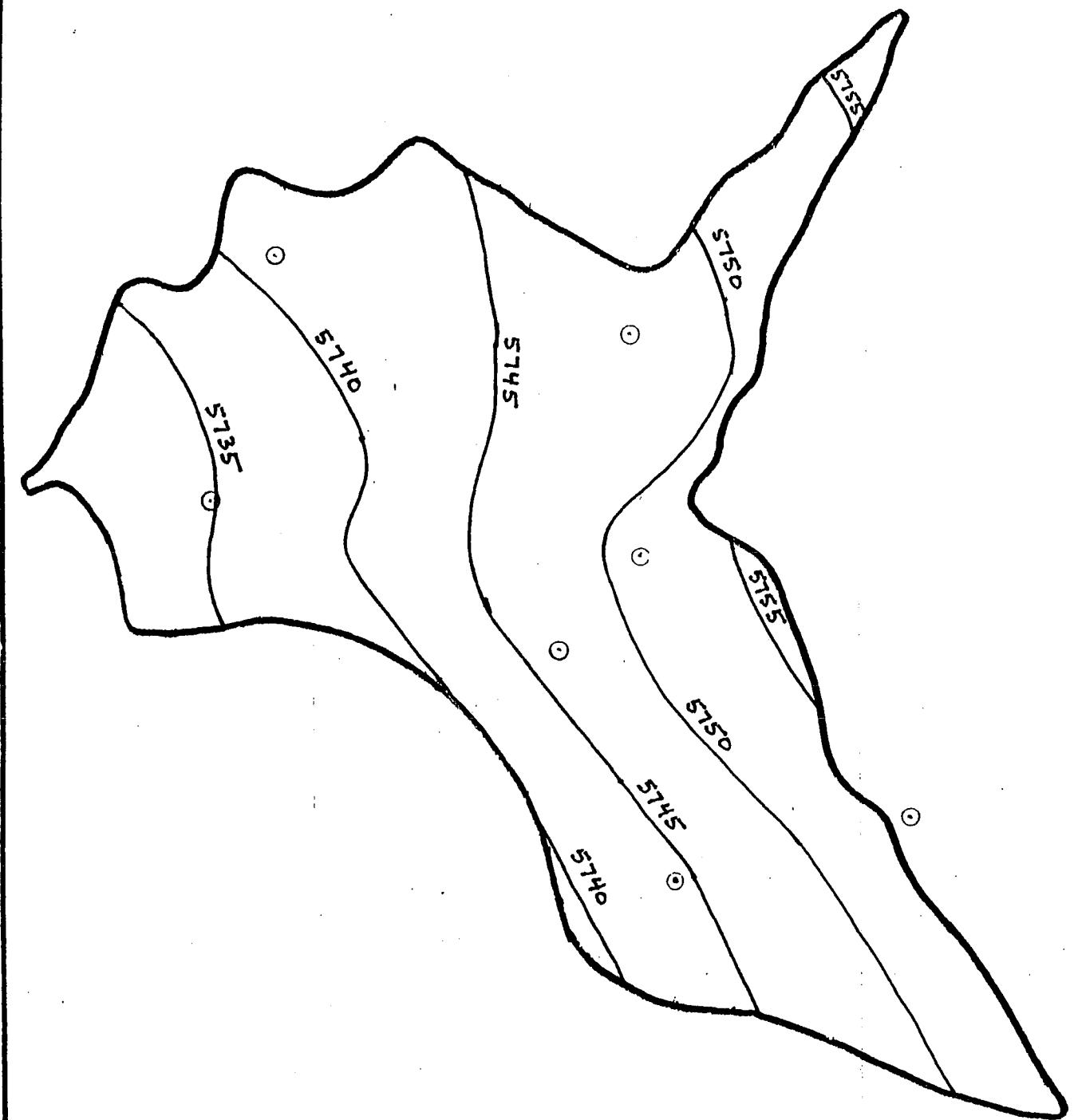
CONSTITUENT	UNIT	DETECTION LIMIT	WELL SITES				W-6	W-7*
			W-1	W-2	W-3	W-4		
Field Parameters								
Ground Surface Elevation	ft	0.01	5759.50	5742.05	5739.15	5768.27	5754.28	5748.04
Top of Cap Elevation	ft	0.01	5759.24	5741.74	5738.83	5768.00	5754.09	5747.87
Depth to Water	ft	0.01	12.45	0.68	3.86	16.86	6.39	3.75
Water Surface Elevation	ft	0.01	5746.79	5741.06	5734.97	5751.14	5747.70	5744.12
Laboratory								
Total Hardness as CaCO ₃	mg/l	2	N/A	N/A	220	N/A	160	N/A
Total Alkalinity	mg/l	1	N/A	N/A	86	N/A	68	N/A
Sulfate	mg/l	0.5	N/A	N/A	99.5	N/A	110.9	N/A
Dissolved Copper	ug/l	1	N/A	N/A	2.0	N/A	1.5	N/A
Dissolved Iron	ug/l	50	N/A	N/A	ND	N/A	ND	N/A
Dissolved Zinc	ug/l	2	N/A	N/A	3.2	N/A	13.0	3.4

*W-7 is located upgradient and off-site in a wet area. The data collected from this well are used for background comparisons. For this sampling period, water flowed out of the top of W-7's well pipe.



SCALE: 1" = 500'

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◎ Well Location
5740 Groundwater Elevation Isopleth

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WALKER MINE TAILINGS
GROUNDWATER CONTOUR MAP

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**WALKER MINE GROUNDWATER MONITORING PROGRAM
FLUID LEVEL GAUGING – FIELD DATA SHEET**

SITE LOCATION: Walker Mine Tailings DATE: 5-23-03
COMPANY NAME: Plumas Nat Forest
PERSONNEL: P Flynn

WELL	TIME	DEPTH TO WATER	COMMENTS
W-1	1220	12.45	
2	1212	0.68	
3	1000	3.86	
4	1227	16.86	
5	1102	6.39	
6	1250	3.75	
7	1305	Flowing	

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Walker Tiling Proj# 5-00-028

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U.S.A.

Type of Analyses

Samplers Signature

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				Detection Limits
1	X	X	X	Cu : 1 ug/l
2	X	X	X	Zn : 2 ug/l
3.	X	X	X	Fe : 50 ug/l

Weller Tailings
Ground water
Pit # 5-00-028

Benzidine 125

Date	Time	Received By
5/23/03	1515	Dawn M Henton

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ANALYSIS REPORT

Laboratory Number: C34838 Date Received: 05/23/03
Location: Walker Mine W3

Date of Collection : 05/23/03 Time: 1040 Collector: Pat Flynn

Hardness, Dissolved Copper, Dissolved Iron and Dissolved Zinc analysis by
Twining Laboratory, Bakersfield, Ca.

Analysis	Date of Analysis	Method	Detection Limits	Results	Units
Total Hardness	06/17/03	SM 2340 B	2.0	220	mg/L
Total Alkalinity	05/24/03	SM 2320 B	1	86	mg/L
Sulfate	06/11/03	EPA 375.4	0.5	99.5	mg/L
Dissolved Iron	06/17/03	EPA 200.7	50	450	ug/L
Dissolved Copper	06/17/03	EPA 200.7	1.0	2.0	ug/L
Dissolved Zinc	06/17/03	EPA 200.7	2.0	3.2	ug/L

These results were obtained by following
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ANALYSIS REPORT

Laboratory Number: C34839 Date Received: 05/23/03
 Location: Walker Mine W5

Date of Collection : 05/23/03 Time: 1146 Collector: Pat Flynn

Hardness, Dissolved Copper, Dissolved Iron and Dissolved Zinc analysis by
 Twining Laboratory, Bakersfield, Ca.

Analysis	Date of Analysis	Method	Detection Limit	Results	Units
Total Hardness	06/17/03	SM 2340 B	2.0	160	mg/L
Total Alkalinity	05/24/03	SM 2320 B	1	68	mg/L
Sulfate	06/11/03	EPA 375.4	0.5	110.9	mg/L
Dissolved Iron	06/17/03	EPA 200.7	50	<50	ug/L
Dissolved Copper	06/17/03	EPA 200.7	1.0	1.5	ug/L
Dissolved Zinc	06/17/03	EPA 200.7	2.0	13	ug/L

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ANALYSIS REPORT

Laboratory Number: C34840 Date Received: 05/23/03
 Location: Walker Mine W7
 Date of Collection : 05/23/03 Time: 1325 Collector: Pat Flynn

Hardness, Dissolved Copper, Dissolved Iron and Dissolved Zinc analysis by
 Twining Laboratory, Bakersfield, Ca.

Analysis	Date of Analysis	Method	Detection Limits	Results	Units
Total Hardness	06/17/03	SM 2340 B	2.0	34	mg/L
Total Alkalinity	05/24/03	SM 2320 B	1	35	mg/L
Sulfate	06/11/03	EPA 375.4	0.5	<0.5	mg/L
Dissolved Iron	06/17/03	EPA 200.7	50	<50	ug/L
Dissolved Copper	06/17/03	EPA 200.7	1.0	1.0	ug/L
Dissolved Zinc	06/17/03	EPA 200.7	2.0	3.4	ug/L

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